IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend the drawings as indicated in the attached Drawing Correction Letter.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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On amended page 20 of the claims, delete "Patent Claims" and substitute -- WE CLAIM AS OUR INVENTION -- .

Please cancel claims 1-15 without prejudice.

Please substitute claims 16-30 as follows:

16.

A method for processing a digitized picture with pixels, comprising the steps of:

grouping the pixels into picture blocks;

segmenting the picture into at least a first picture object and a second picture object, at least one picture block being assigned to at least a part of an edge of the first picture object;

assigning information about the picture object to the at least one picture block;

coding the picture objects with different quality; assigning a quality specification indicating the quality with which a picture object is coded to at least one macroblock contained in the corresponding picture object; and

determining the quality by a spatial resolution.

The method of claim 16 wherein

a plurality of picture blocks are in each case grouped to form a macroblock; and

a macroblock is assigned at least to the part of the/edge.

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18. The method of claim 17 wherein at least one luminance block of the macroblock is assigned at least to the part of the edge of the first picture object.

- 19. The method of claim 16 in which at least one picture block is assigned to an entire edge of the first picture object.
- 20. The method of claim 17 in which information about the picture object is in each case assigned to all the macroblocks in which the edge is contained.
- 21. The method of claim 17 in which the first picture object is addressed using a macroblock address respectively assigned to a macroblock.
- 22. The method of claim 17 in which the second picture object is addressed using a macroblock address respectively assigned to a macroblock.
- 23. The method of claim 16 used for coding a digitized picture.
- 24. The method of claim 16 used for decoding a digitized picture.
- 25. The method of claim 16 used in a mobile communications device.

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26.

picture with pixels, comprising: a processor set up in such a way that the pixels

An arrangement for processing a digitized

are grouped into picture blocks, the picture is segmented into at least a first picture object and a second picture object, at least one picture block being assigned to at least a part of an edge of the first picture object, and information about the picture object is assigned to the at least one picture block;

means for coding the picture objects with different quality;

assigning a quality specification for indicating the quality with which a picture object is coded to at least one macroblock contained in the corresponding picture object; and

means for determining the quality by a spatial resolution.

The arrangement of claim 26 in which the 27. processor is set/up in such a way that

a plurality of picture blocks are in each case grouped to form a macroblock; and

a macroblock is assigned at least to the part of the edge.

The arrangement of claim 26 used for coding a digitized picture.

The arrangement as claimed in claim 26 used 29. for decoding a digitized picture.

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